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NEPALESE KING TO VISIT BD

DACCA, JANUARY 10 -- NEPALESE KING BIRENDRA BIR BIKRAM SHAH
DEV ACCOMPANIED BK HIS WIFE QUEEN AISHWARYA RAJYA LAXMI DEVI SHAH
AND A 34-MEMBER TEAM WILL ARRIVE IN DACCA JANUARY 12 FOR A FOUR-
DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO BD ON AN INVITATION FROM THE BDG.

THIS WILL BE THE NEPALESE KING'S FIRST VISIT TO BD.

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ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL SOURCES, DURING HIS STAY HERE THE
NEPALESE KING WILL MEET WITH PRRESIDENT ZIAK RAHMAN AND OTHER
LEADERS OF BD AND DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES OF THE SUBCONTINENT, BILATERAL TRADE, ECONOMIC
AFP CULTURAL RELATIONS, OPENING OF A ROAD-LINK THROUGH INDIAN
TERRITORY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND IMPROVEMENT OF PRESENT
AIR LINK.

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BIRENDRA WILL VISIT MARTYRS' MEMORIAL AT SAVAR, BD
ACADEMY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT AT COMILLA AND TAKE A RIVER CRUISE.
HE WILL LEAVE FOR HOME JANUARY 15.

FRG TO GIVE TECHNICAL AID

DACCA, JANUARY 10 -- THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (FRG)
HAS AGREED TO EXTEND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BD IN FIELDS OF
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL GAS.

THIS ASSURANCE CAME FROM MRS. MARIE SCHLEI, FRG MINISTER
FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION, IN HERE FORMAL TALKS WITH BD LEADERS
HELD YESTERDAY (MONDAY). DR. MIRZA NURUL HUDA, BD PRESIDENT'S
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING,
LED THE BD SIDE AT THE TALKS. MRS. SCHLEI IS NOW ON A FIVE-DAY
VISIT TO BD AS THE LEADER OF A 10-MEMBER TEAM.

ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL SOURCES, THE TWO SIDES MAINLY
DISCUSSED THE QUESTIONS RELATING TO INCREASED ECONOMIC
COOPERATION BETWEEN BD AND FRG. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED THE
QUESTION OF STREAMLINING THE PROCEDURE AND EXPEDITING THE AID
DISBURSEMENT.

THE FRG MINISTER ALSO CALLED YESTERDAY ON PROFESSOR
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M. SHAMSUL HAQ, PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AT STATE GUEST HOUSE. PROFESSOR HAQ
BRIEFLY OUTLINED TO MRS. SCHLEI THE FOREIGN POLICY OF BD AND
EXPLAINED THE EFFORTS THE BDG IS MAKING TO CREATE A
CLIMATE OF COOPERATION WITHIN THE REGION.

MRS. SCHLEI EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER THE PROGRESS BD IS
MAKING "SUCCESSFULLY" TO MEET VARIOUS PROBLEMS IN ECONOMIC AND
OTHER FIELDS.

THE FRG MINISTER ARRIVED IN DACCA JANUARY 8. SHE IS THE
FIRST WEST GERMAN MINISTER TO VISIT BD. END IT

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